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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEES IN BOTSWANA

REF: A. GABORONE 0651; B. GENEVA 1558, C. STAATE 45300

AND PREVIOUS

1. REFTEL A(PARA 2C) REPORTED THAT GOB WAS COSTING OUT TENTS VERSUS MORE PERMANENT CONSTRUCTION AT SELEBI-PIKWE. ACCORDING TO UNHCR RES REP PERKINS THIS HAS NOW BEEN ACCOMPLISHED, AND GOB HAS OPTED FOR EMERGENCY HOUSING OF A SEMI-PERMANENT NATURE, I.E., TAMPED-EARTH FLOORS, CONCRETE BLOCK WALLS, SHEET METAL ROOFS. COST OF FIFTY SUCH UNITS, EACH HOUSING EIGHT TO TEN PERSONS, WILL BE 64,00 PULA (ABOUT 74,000 DOLLARS). TOTAL COST OF PROJECT, INCLUDING SITE PREPARATION, FENCING, WATER, ABLUTION UNITS, DINING AND ADMINISTRATION FACILITIES, CONSTRUCTION OF FIFTY HOUSING UNITS, PLUS ALLOWING FIVE PER CENT CONTINGENCY CUSTION, IS ESTIMATED AT 124,950 PULA (SOME 144,000 DOLLARS). COST DOES NOT INCLUDE BEDDING AND QUIPMENT.

2. GOB OPTED FOR ABOVE RATHER THAN TENTS BECAUSE COST OF TENTS ALONG WOULD BE 25,000 PULA, AND TENTS DETERIORATE BADLY AFTER ONE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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YEAR. WHILE CONCRETE BLOCK UNITS WILL COST 64,000 PULA, THEY OBVIOUSLY WILL LAST MUCH LONGER AND WILL REQUIRE LITTLE MAINTENANCE. THEY CAN BE BUILT QUICKLY, AND REFUGEES CAN BEGIN MOVING IN AFTER ONE MONTH. WHOLE COMPLEX SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN THREE MONTHS.

3. GOB STILL PLANNING ON CONSTRUCTION OF THIRD CENTER FOR

ZIMBABWEANS (AFTER FRANCISTOWN AND SELEBI-PIKWE) AT AS-YET UNCHOSEN SITE. THIS CENTER IS TWELVE TO EIGHTEEN MONTHS IN THE FUTURE, AND WOULD PROVIDE FOR SOME SIX HUNDRED REFUGEES. THIS TO BE RECOMMENDED IN FARAH MISSION REPORT.

4. PERKINS SAID UNHCR WILL FUND SELEBI-PIKWE SITE, BUT OF COURSE HOPES USG WILL TAKE COST INTO CONSIDERATION, AS STATED IN REF C.

5. PERKINS IS CABLING FULL DETAILS TO NEW YORK, WITH COPY TO GENEVA. IF DEPARTMENT OR US MISSION GENEVA HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS, SUGGEST CONTACT UNHCR COLLEAGUES THERE.
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